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STATE AND DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

V.

SOLOMAN FRANCIS JOURDAIN
a/k/a Soloman Francis Desjarlait
a/k/a "Sol Dez"

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Case Number:

10-mj-215(mkk)

I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about May 23, 2010 within the exterior boundaries of the Red Lake Indian Reservation in the State and District of Minnesota, defendant(s),

an Indian, did assault victim Charles Barret with a knife, also an Indian in the torso with intent to commit murder, to-wit: stabbing Charles Barrett multiple times in the torso.

in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section(s) 113(a)(1), 1151, 1152, 1153(a).

I further state that I am a(n) Special Agent and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

SEE ATTACHED AFFIDAVIT

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me, and subscribed in my presence,

June 1, 2010
Date

The Honorable Mary Kay Klein
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Name & Title of Judicial Officer

at

Bemidji, MN
City and State

Mary Kay Klein
Signature of Judicial Officer

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1 STATE OF MINNESOTA)
2 COUNTY OF BELTRAMI) ss. AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT L. MERTZ
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5 1. Your affiant, Robert L. Mertz, being duly
6 sworn, does depose and state as follows:

7 2. I am a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau
8 of Investigation (FBI). I have been a Special Agent of the
9 FBI since March of 2002. I am currently assigned to the
10 Bemidji, Minnesota Resident Agency (RA) of the FBI with the
11 primary responsibility of investigating violent crimes that
12 occur on the Red Lake Indian Reservation (the Reservation).
13 The information contained in this affidavit is based on my
14 knowledge and on the reporting and knowledge of other law
15 enforcement officers involved in this investigation.

16 3. On May 23, 2010, at approximately 12:47 a.m.,
17 Red Lake Police Department (RLPD) received a call regarding a
18 stabbing that had just occurred at the Shantelle Strong
19 residence in Redby, Minnesota. Responding RLPD officers
20 advised as they arrived, there was a large graduation party
21 going on where alcohol was being consumed. An identified
22 adult witness (witness 1) came running up to RLPD Officers
23 shouting "they stabbed Charlie" and it "was Sol Dez that did
24 that".

25 4. SA Mertz has learned Sol Dez is an enrolled Red
26 Lake Tribal Member under his true name of Solomon Francis
27 Jourdain, a.k.a Sol Dez, or Desjarlait.

28 5. RLPD officers went over to an area in the yard
where a large group had collected. At the residence, RLPD

1 officers did observe Charles Barrett laying on the ground
2 with an apparent large laceration on his torso. Shortly
3 thereafter, Red Lake Ambulance personnel arrived and
4 transported Barrett to the Red Lake Indian Health Services
5 (IHS) for treatment.

6 6. After Barrett was transported out of the area,
7 RLPD Officers learned again from the identified adult witness
8 that Sol Desjarlait stabbed Barrett. Another witness,
9 (witness 2) told RLPD Officers she saw Sol Desjarlait take
10 out a knife and start to stab Barrett.

11 7. After arriving at IHS, Barrett was transported
12 to the North Country Regional Hospital (NCRH) in Bemidji,
13 Minnesota for further treatment. Ultimately, Barrett was
14 finally transported to Meritcare Hospital in Fargo, North
15 Dakota for further treatment and remained there for a couple
16 days.

17 8. On 05/26/2010, Red Lake Criminal Investigator
18 (CI) Geoffrey Pierre interviewed Barrett in Redby, Minnesota.
19 Barrett informed CI Pierre that during the night of May 23,
20 he was trying to settle down a group of younger men that
21 trying to start trouble. Barrett advised while he was
22 talking to another man, Sol lunged at him and stabbed him
23 several times. Barrett fell to the ground where others began
24 to punch and kick him and Sol continued to stab him. Barrett
25 advised he was stabbed approximately five (5) times, one of
26 the stabs was a cut to his liver.

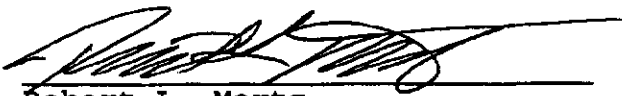
27 9. I know that Soloman Jourdain, a.k.a Soloman
28 Desjarlait, a.k.a Sol Dez and Charles Barrett are both

1 enrolled members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

2 10. I know that the Shantelle Strong residence is
3 located within the exterior boundaries of the Red Lake Indian
4 Reservation.

5 11. Based on the above information, I believe that
6 there is probable cause to conclude that on May 23, 2010,
7 within the exterior boundaries of the Red Lake Indian
8 Reservation, Minnesota, a location within the special
9 territorial jurisdiction of the United States, Solomon
10 Francis Jourdain, an Indian, did unlawfully assault with
11 intent to commit murder, Charles Barrett, resulting in
12 serious bodily injury, in violation of Title 18, United
13 States Code, Sections 113(a)(1), 1151 and 1153(a).

14 12. Further your affiant sayeth not.

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16 
17 Robert L. Mertz
18 Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Minneapolis, Minnesota

19 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June,
20 2010.

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23 U.S. Magistrate Judge